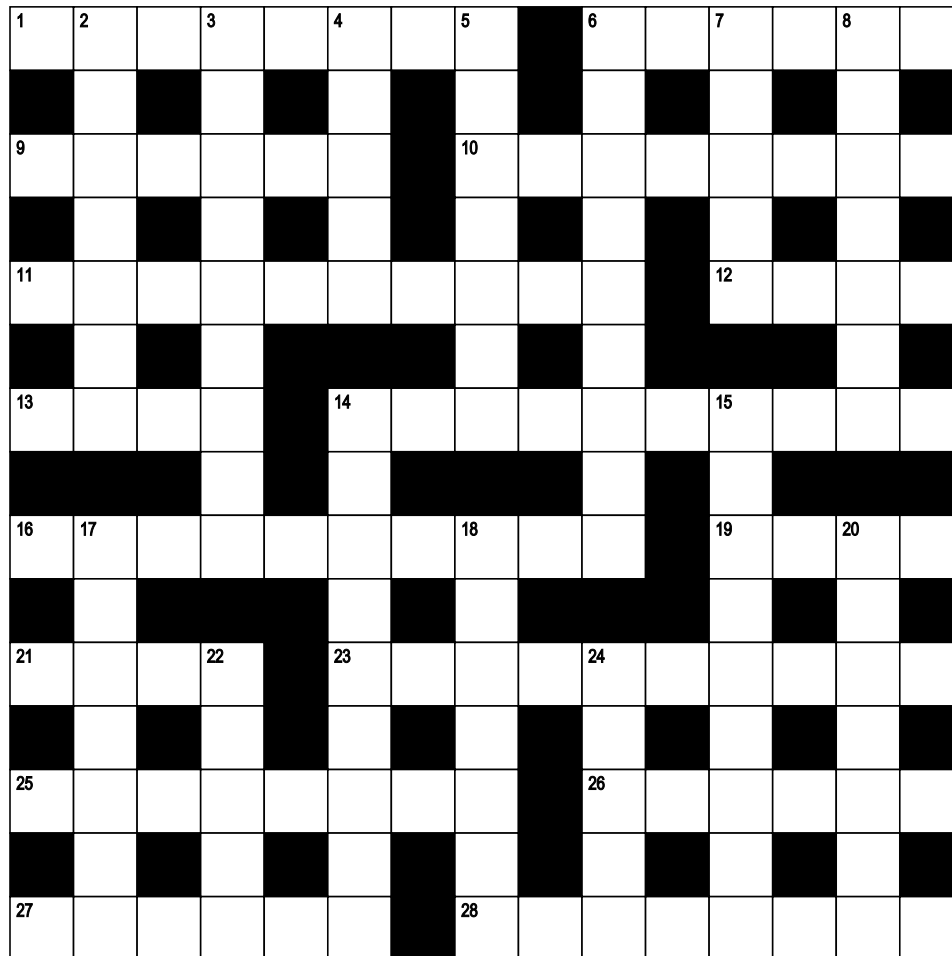


Cryptic 2023-07

Darren Miller



Across:

- 1 Rookie cop and first mentor parking out in renovated emergency room (8)
- 6 Cover of "National Treasure" has a distinctive character (6)
- 9 Spooner said to ruin hair of Old MacDonald, for one (6)
- 10 Soulmate has hoard with fuel, but no gas (4,4)
- 11 Doctor calls a teen for a fresh start (5,5)
- 12 Broadway lighting essential to scene one (4)
- 13 View of Independence Day extravaganza amazed leaders (4)
- 14 Flying castles in the air need rails: ether, perhaps (10)
- 16 Stag comes back eating cooked corn if thickened (10)
- 19 Actor & poet ignore the odds to get by (4)
- 21 Circuit has bend right after cross loop (4)
- 23 Was converted and ranted angrily about pornography (10)
- 25 Annoyance when red train carelessly crashes into the Thing (8)
- 26 Excite Ken to follow a path, by the sound of it (6)
- 27 Mooch finds wasp on geranium's insides (6)

- 28 Wild fiancee having a bit of fun might keep you up at night (8)

Down:

- 2 Triggered, beginner abandoned Lena and ran (7)
- 3 Sorry for unfortunate egomaniac (4,5)
- 4 Takes notice of starting positions (5)
- 5 Musical talent takes buggy up to competition (3,4)
- 6 Sick of bologna? Use a teddy's stuffing (9)
- 7 Part of a bird's nest Sara will tattoo on rear ends (5)
- 8 Abrupt attack captured instrument for Italian cuisine (7)
- 14 Expert supported oaf but oddly had a change of opinion (5-4)
- 15 Once excited, you rave and cheer up (9)
- 17 We finally understood flaw with selfish activity (3,4)
- 18 Crazy, rich actor has no rights? How deranged (7)
- 20 Up to twelve percent were staggering north (7)
- 22 Dictatorship contributes to severe ignorance (5)
- 24 Muffler of a vehicle covered by soundproof shell (5)